



# Jail Project Fact Sheet

## Facility:

- The current downtown Jail is 52 years old
- The current Sheriff's Administration Office is 100 years old
- The current jail presents major repair and upkeep costs
- There is no avoiding the construction of a new jail - the current County budget could not absorb the bond payment
- The new facility will replace the downtown jail, ADC, and Sheriff's Administration Offices, and Coroner's Office
- Current total square footage is approximately 300,000 square feet
- The new jail and office square footage will be approximately 150,000 square feet
- Currently there is a total of 382 beds, with 146 at the jail and 236 at the ADC
- The new jail will have 384 permanent beds with space for flexibility, treatment, etc.
- Preliminary plans are that the new jail would be built on Greene Way Boulevard next to the current ADC
- Estimates for the cost of the project is \$53M (2019 estimate)

## Funding:

- Funds for new jail construction would come from a bond paid with funds from a **temporary** sales tax increase
- If approved, sales tax would change one-quarter of one percent, 0.25%, going from 6.75% to 7%
- Essential purchases such as grocery food, utilities, gasoline and prescriptions are **NOT taxed**
- A \$100 purchase would add 25 cents, a purchase up to \$397 would add less than \$1
- Nearly 80% of all counties in Ohio have 7% sales tax or higher
- Our surrounding counties are all at, or above, 7% sales tax
- Levy funds can be used only for construction, acquisition, equipping and repairing a detention facility
- Approximately 40% of the sales tax will be paid by people that do not live in Greene County
- No additional property taxes for Greene County property owners – this is NOT a property tax

## Justice System:

- Only Judges and Court Officials such as magistrates have the authority to order someone to jail
- The Court orders the Sheriff to place individuals in custody – a person's incarceration is not the Sheriff's decision
- Risk assessments are performed by court staff to limit incarceration of low-security risk individuals
- This new facility has the potential to positively impact our entire community by providing rehabilitative services

**More Information:** <https://www.greenecountyohio.gov/1790/Greene-County-Justice-System>



## Temporary Sales Tax Increase? What will it cost me?

Sales Tax in Greene County is currently 6.75% and applies to many purchases and services. What happens if that number goes to 7%?

		Taxable Purchase		
		\$1	\$10	\$100
	Sales Tax %			
	Current	\$0.07	\$0.68	\$6.75
	Proposed	\$0.07	\$0.70	\$7
	What is the Difference in my Total Cost?	\$0.00	2¢	25¢

For \$100 it is only a quarter. Purchases up to \$397 would change less than \$1.

### THIS IS NOT A PROPERTY TAX

**The cost for many purchases would not change at all.** Essential items such as grocery food, utilities, gasoline, and prescriptions are **NOT TAXED**

All surrounding Counties have 7% or higher sales tax already:

Montgomery County	7.50%	Fayette County	7.25%
Clark County	7.25%	Miami County	7%
Clinton County	7.25%	Warren County	7%

Many people come to our County and make purchases – at The Greene, The Mall at Fairfield Commons, and CornerStone, plus our many local businesses. With sales tax, those visiting shoppers will help us pay for this new facility – with an estimate of up to **40% coming from visitors that live outside Greene County.**

This change would only be in effect long enough to cover the costs to build a new Greene County Correctional facility **then sales tax would revert back to 6.75%.**

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